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In re Application of:

R. Eric Montgomery

Serial No.: 09/398,156

Filed: September 16, 1999

Title: IMPROVED PROTEINACEOUS ANIMAL CHEW
WITH DENTALLY THERAPEUTIC CATION

Examiner: Neil S. Levy

Art Unit: 1616

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Amendment and Response to Office Action, with Attachments A-E; and
2. Return postcard.

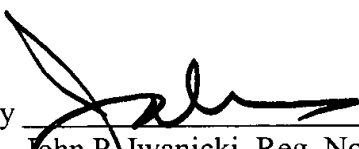
With respect to additional fees, no fees are due. The Commissioner is nevertheless authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

May 9, 2003

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003. Please reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the claims in accordance with the "Listing of Claims" which begins at page 2 of this paper.